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Dear Phelps.

You have seen, I presume, how  
waspish that little fellow of the Vermont Chronicle  
is. He shows that he is conscious of guilt - I am quite dis-  
posed to turn him over ~~to~~ you. You have an edge, you  
know, made sharp for kings & presidents.

Dr Taylor asks almost daily, "do you hear from  
Phelps" - So if you have any thing like news write me  
or some one. —

Fitch came out on fast day in shewing  
colors in an attack upon Johnson & Hayne. He was  
seen as a vagrant. He spoke also of slavery & on the  
Indian question, as a minister of religion ought  
to speak. — No notice of your communication  
had been taken in Ch. Oho. He will now venture to go  
off on a gust of passion, like his brother of the  
Chronicle. Convince, some how, to get me into the  
Rev. Rand may hesitate - but use the serpent - give  
it to Whalley, or, as you think best. — Love to Baldwin.

Yours with affection  
John C. Nichols

April 19<sup>th</sup>